

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An electronic camera for capturing and displaying one or more images, said camera comprising:

an optical viewfinder for composing an image prior to image capture;

a sensor for capturing the composed image;

an actuatable shutter button effective when actuating for permitting the sensor to capture the image;

an electronic image display for displaying the captured image;

a processing section for performing image processing on the captured image over a period of time and generating a processed image file therefrom, said processing section further responsive to an erase command in order to erase the captured image, wherein the processing section erases the captured image prior to completion of the image processing; and

a quick view feature in which the image display is automatically turned on in response to actuation of the shutter button, without user intervention, for a period of time after an image is captured, and then automatically turned off, said quick view feature including a control section for automatically powering up the image display after the image is captured by the sensor in order to display the captured image, and then automatically turning off the image display after the period has elapsed.

2. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 1 further including a memory section for storing the captured image.

3. (Original) A camera as claimed in claim 2 wherein the memory section includes a buffer memory for storing the captured image in order that it may be quickly displayed by the image display during an initial review and an output memory for storing the captured image after it has been judged to be acceptable during the initial review.

4. (previously presented) The camera as claimed in claim 3 wherein the camera includes a processing section for operating on the captured

image in order to store the captured image in the output memory and a user interface provides an erase command to the processing section to erase the captured image.

5. (currently amended) An electronic still camera for capturing and displaying images, said camera comprising:

an optical viewfinder for composing images prior to capture;

a sensor for capturing an image;

a first buffer memory for storing the captured image;

an electronic image display for displaying the captured image stored in the buffer memory;

a processing section for performing image processing on the captured image over a period of time and generating a processed image file therefrom, said processing section further responsive to an erase command in order to erase the captured image, wherein the processing section erases the captured image prior to completion of the image processing;

a second memory for storing the processed image file;

a user interface for selectively enabling a quick view feature in which the image display is automatically turned on after an image is captured, the user interface including an actuatable shutter button effective when actuating for permitting the image sensor to capture the image;

an image display controller responsive to actuation of the shutter button for automatically powering up the image display after the image is captured in order to display the captured image stored in the first buffer memory; and

said user interface further providing the erase command to the processing section, which thereupon erases the captured image.

6. (Original) The camera as claimed in claim 5 wherein the image display controller automatically powers up the image display for a predetermined period after the image is captured by the sensor in order to display the captured image stored in the first buffer memory, and then automatically turns off the image display after the predetermined period has elapsed.

7. (Canceled)

8. (currently amended) The camera as claimed in claim [7] 1 wherein the processing section responds to the erase command by terminating the

processing of the image file and deleting the partially processed image file from the second memory.

9. (currently amended) An electronic still camera for capturing and displaying images, said camera comprising:

a shutter button for initiating capture of the images;

a sensor for capturing the images;

a first memory for storing a captured image;

an electronic image display for automatically displaying the captured images from the first memory for a first time interval in response to operation of said shutter button;

a second memory for storing a plurality of processed images;

a processor for processing images from the first memory and storing the processed images as image files in the second memory, said processor operating over a second time interval to process an image; and

a user enabled control section coupled to the processor for erasing an image before the end of the second time interval so as to facilitate the capture and processing of another image; wherein the processor responds to an erase command by terminating the processing and deleting a partially completed image file from the second memory.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (previously presented) The camera as claimed in claim 9 wherein the camera also includes an image display control section to enable the image display to be automatically turned off after displaying the captured image for the first time interval.

13. (currently amended) A method for capturing and displaying an image with an electronic camera, said method comprising the steps of:

capturing an image in response to actuation of a shutter button;

storing the captured image in a buffer memory;

displaying the captured image in a processing section over a period of time, including the generation of a processed image file therefrom;

storing the processed image file in a second memory;
selectively enabling a quick view feature in which the image
display is automatically turned on in response to actuation of the shutter button for
a period of time after the image is captured in order to display the captured image
stored in the first buffer memory, and then automatically turned off after the
period has elapsed; and
providing an erase command to the processing section, which
erases the captured image prior to completion of the processing.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim [14]
13 wherein the captured image is erased by terminating the processing of the
image file and deleting the partially processed image file from the second
memory.